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(2) whether immediate steps have been taken to restore the existing tanks within the Trichinopoly municipality to the best sanitary condition; and

(3) whether the Government have suggested to the Trichinopoly municipality to stop closing the existing tanks pending the disposal of the above petition?

A.—(1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) & (3) The petition has been referred to the Chairman, Municipal Council, for remarks. His reply has not yet been received.

The abolition of the Revenue division of Koilkuntla, Kurnool.

583 *Q.*—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the abolition of the Revenue division of Koilkuntla in Kurnool district is under contemplation?

A.—No such proposal has yet been placed before the Government.

The grouping of villages in the Presidency.

584 *Q.*—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the principle on which the clubbing of villages in the Presidency has been done?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the rules under Act II of 1894 and Act III of 1895 embodied in volume II of the Board's Standing Orders.

The School of Arts.

585 *Q.*—Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. N. R. Balakrishna Mudaliyar, who was drawing only Rs. 30 before his present appointment, is acting in the place of Mr. Velayudachari of the School of Arts since his retirement from service;

(*b*) what are the qualifications of Mr. Balakrishna Mudaliyar and what work he is now doing in the school; and

(*c*) whether there is no one in the school who is better qualified to succeed Mr. Velayudachari than the present incumbent; if so, why he was not preferred?

A.—(*a*) It is a fact that M.R.Ry. N. R. Balakrishna Mudaliyar is acting as Assistant Superintendent of the School of Arts in the place of Mr. Velayudachari. But he was drawing a salary of Rs. 180 per mensem before he was appointed to act and not Rs. 30 as stated in the question.

(*b*) Mr. Balakrishna Mudaliyar's qualifications are the following:—

First and second stage examination in Drawing; Design (Intermediate); Technical Teachers' Certificate examination in Freehand Outline and Geometrical Drawing (Intermediate), I Class.

He is doing the ordinary work of Assistant Superintendent.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.